## **Puget Sound Freshwater Salmon Seasons 2015-16**

Fishing proposals listed in this document (and those not listed) may change to help meet conservation and fishery management objectives during the remainder of the 2015-16 North of Falcon process.

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## Changes made to 03/02/2015 version and brief explanation:

- 1. Skagit River selective gear and hook rule dates have been adjusted to reflect the change in the salmon seasons.
- 2. Sturgeon hook size language removed "year-round" is a clerical change to be consistent with open/closed game and salmon seasons: Skagit, Stillaguamish, and Snohomish.
- 3. Green River additional pink limit has been corrected to reflect the 2013 regulations with a 6 salmon limit, consisting of no more than 3 adult coho/chum.
- 4. Puyallup River boundary is changed at mouth of the White River to allow for tribal fishing access on days to be determined that will be closed.
- 5. Mouth of Skokomish River, Gorst Creek and Chico Creek are redefined to exclude free-flowing freshwater contained in the channels exposed during tidal changes to reduce snagging; additional language was added to the Skokomish River mouth definition and closure to provide clarity on the proposed change.
- 6. Skokomish River season early season was adjusted and requires the use of a bait or lure under a float rule in July to provide additional opportunity on hatchery Chinook; season closes on September 1 to limit impacts on wild Chinook.
- 7. Tahuya River is closed to coho salmon fishing due to snagging, trespassing, and littering issues.
- 8. Dungeness River pink only fishery is added due to a very large forecast and is developed to minimize impacts on Chinook; will open by emergency rule pending pink movement into river and sufficient river flow conditions.

<u>Contains changes only</u>. If a river is not on this list, there are no proposed changes for that river. Includes Hoko River and all systems east.

		MIN.	DAILY	
WATER	SEASON	SIZE	LIMIT	ADDITIONAL RULES
	NO	OKSAC	K	
Nooksack River – Lummi	<u>July 16 – Aug.</u>	<u>12"</u>	<u>4</u>	Daily limit 4 pink only. Bait
Indian Reservation boundary to	<u>31</u>			prohibited. Single-point hook
Highway 544 Bridge at Everson				measuring ½" or less.
Nooksack River – Lummi	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	2 + 2	Daily limit 2+2 coho. Release wild
Indian Reservation boundary to	_			Chinook through Sept. 30. Night
Highway 544 Bridge at Everson				closure and anti-snagging rule through
				Nov. 30.
Nooksack River – Hwy. 544	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	2 + 2	Daily limit 2+2 coho. Release wild
Bridge at Everson to yellow				Chinook through Sept. 30. Night
marker at the FFA high school				closure and anti-snagging rule through
barn in Deming				Nov. 30.
Nooksack River – Yellow	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	2 + 2	Daily limit 2+2 additional coho. Night
marker at the FFA high school				closure and anti-snagging rule through
barn in Deming to confluence				Nov. 30.
of North and South forks				

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WATER	SEASON	SIZE	LIMIT	ADDITIONAL RULES		
SKAGIT						
Skagit River – Gamefish				Selective rules and hook must measure ½" or less from point to shank: Mouth to Hwy 536 May 1-Aug. 31-1 and March 1-April 31; Hwy 536 to Gilligan Cr. June 1-13-15 and June 30 July 16-Aug. 311; Gilligan Cr.to Dalles Bridge June 1-Aug. 3115; Dalles Bridge to Hwy 530 at Rockport June 1-Aug. 31; Hwy 530 bridge at Rockport to Cascade River Road July 16-Aug. 31. Hwy 536 to Cascade River Rd.: night closure June 1-Nov. 30 and anti-snag rule Sept. 1-Nov. 30.		
Skagit River – Mouth to Hwy. 536 at Mt. Vernon (Memorial Hwy. Bridge)	SeptAug. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	4	Daily limit 4. 2 wild coho. Release Chinook and chum. Anglers fishing for sturgeon may use single-point barbless hooks of any size.		
Skagit River – Hwy. 536 at Mt. Vernon (Memorial Hwy. Bridge) to mouth of Gilligan Creek	June <u>14-16</u> – <u>29 July 15</u>	12"	<u>23</u>	Daily limit 2-3 sockeye only. Night closure.		
<b>Skagit River</b> – Hwy. 536 at Mt. Vernon to mouth of Gilligan Creek	SeptAug. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	4	Daily limit 4. 2 wild coho. Release Chinook and chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule through Nov. 30. Anglers fishing for sturgeon may use single-point barbless hooks of any size.		
Skagit River – Mouth of Gilligan Creek to the Dalles Bridge at Concrete	Sept <u>Aug</u> . <u>116</u> – Dec. 31	12"	4	Daily limit 4. 2 wild coho. Release Chinook and chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule through Nov. 30.		
<b>Skagit River</b> – Dalles Bridge at Concrete to Highway 530 bridge at Rockport	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	4	Daily limit 4. 2 wild coho. Release Chinook and chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule through Nov. 30.		
Skagit River – Highway 530 bridge at Rockport to Cascade River Rd	June 1 – July 15	12"	2	Daily limit 4 hatchery Chinook. 2 adults. Night closure and antisnagging.		
<b>Skagit River</b> – Highway 530 bridge at Rockport to Cascade River Rd	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	4	Daily limit 4. 2 wild coho. Release Chinook and chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule through Nov. 30.		
Baker Lake	July 10 – Sept. 7	18"	34	Daily limit 3-4 sockeye only. 2 pole endorsement valid. Anglers may deploy gear until vessel limit achieved.		

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WATER	SEASON	MIN. SIZE	DAILY LIMIT	ADDITIONAL RULES
	STILI	LAGUAN	<b>AISH</b>	
Stillaguamish River – Downstream of Marine Drive	Sept. 1 – Dec 31	12"	2 <u>+ 2</u>	Daily limit 2 coho only+2 pink.  Release Chinook and chum. Night closure and anglers fishing for sturgeon may use single-point barbless hooks of any size. Anti-snagging rule through
Stillaguamish River – Marine Drive to Forks	Sept. 1 – Dec 31	12"	2 <u>+2</u>	Nov. 30.  Daily limit 2 coho only+2 pink. Release Chinook and chum. Night closure and selective gear rule through Nov. 30.
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Snohomish River – Mouth upstream to Hwy. 9 Bridge	SeptAug. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	3	Daily limit 3 coho only+1 pink.  Release Chinook and chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule.  Anglers fishing for sturgeon may use single-point barbless hooks of any size.
Snohomish River – Hwy. 9 Bridge to confluence of the Skykomish and Snoqualmie rivers (all channels)	Sept. 1 <u>Aug. 16</u> – Dec. 31	12"	3	Daily limit 3 coho only+1 pink. Release Chinook and chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule through Nov. 30.
Skykomish River – Mouth to Lewis Street Bridge in Monroe	June 1 July 31	<del>12"</del>	4	Daily limit 4 hatchery Chinook, only 2 adults. Open if broodstock is met (emergency rule).
Skykomish River – Mouth to Lewis Street Bridge in Monroe	Sept. 1 <u>Aug. 16</u> – Dec. 31	12"	3 <u>+1</u>	Daily limit 3 coho only+1 pink.  Release Chinook and chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule Aug. 1 through Nov. 30. Beginning Nov. 1, fishing from floating device prohibited from boat ramp below Lewis St.  Bridge to 2,500 ft. downstream.
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Skykomish River – Lewis St Bridge in Monroe to Wallace River	June 1 July 31	12"	4	Daily limit 4 hatchery Chinook, only 2 adults. Night closure and antisnagging rule. Open if broodstock is met.
Skykomish River – Lewis St Bridge in Monroe to Wallace River	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	3 <u>+1</u>	Daily limit 3 coho only+1 pink.  Release Chinook and chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule through Nov. 30.
Skykomish River – Wallace River to Gold Bar/Big Eddy Access (Hwy. 2 Bridge)	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	3 <u>+1</u>	Daily limit 3 coho only+1 pink.  Release Chinook and chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule through Nov. 30.

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Skykomish River – Gold Bar/Big Eddy Access (Hwy. 2 Bridge) to forks	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	3 <u>+1</u>	Daily limit 3 coho only+1 pink.  Release Chinook and chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule through Nov. 30. Fishing prohibited from floating device 1,000 feet downstream of Reiter Ponds outlet to 1,500 feet upstream.
Wallace River – Mouth to 363 <sup>rd</sup> Ave SE/Reece Road (Dike Road)	Sept. 16 – Nov. 30	12"	3 <u>+1</u>	Daily limit 3 coho only+1 pink.  Release Chinook and chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule Sept.  16-Nov. 30. Fishing prohibited from any floating device Nov. 1 – Feb. 15.
Wallace River – 363 <sup>rd</sup> Ave SE/Reed Road (Dike Road) to 200' upstream of intake at salmon hatchery	Sept. 16 – Nov. 30	12"	3 <u>+1</u>	Daily limit 3 coho only+1 pink.  Release Chinook and chum. Night closure and anti-snagging rule Sept.  16-Nov. 30. Fishing prohibited from any floating device Nov. 1 – Feb. 15.
Snoqualmie River – Mouth to Plum Access	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	3 <u>+1</u>	Daily limit 3 coho only+1 pink.  Release Chinook and chum. Night closure and selective gear rules through Nov. 30.
Snoqualmie River – Plum Access to Falls	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	3 <u>+1</u>	Daily limit 3 coho only+1 pink.  Release Chinook and chum. Puget Power tunnel at falls and within 50 feet of any point on Puget Power's lower plant #2 building (north bank) is closed. Night closure and selective gear rules through Nov. 30. Fishing prohibited from floating device from boat ramp at Plum access to mouth of Tokul Creek.
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Green River – 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave South to Old Hwy. 99/Tukwilla Intl. Blvd.	Sept. 1 <u>Aug. 20</u> – Dec. 31	12"	6	Daily limit 6. 3 adults, of which only 3 may be any combination of adult coho and chum. Release Chinook. Bait prohibited, single-point hook measuring ½" or less only through Aug. 31. Night closure and antisnagging rule through Nov. 30. Beginning Nov. 1 fishing from a floating device is prohibited.

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		MIN.	DAILY				
WATER	SEASON	SIZE	LIMIT	ADDITIONAL RULES			
GREEN/DUWAMISH							
Green River – Old Hwy. 99/Tukwilla Intl. Blvd. to I-405	Sept. 1Aug. 20 – Dec. 31	12"	6	Daily limit 6. 3 adults, of which only 3 may be any combination of adult coho and chum. Release Chinook. Bait prohibited, single-point hook measuring ½" or less only through Aug. 31. Night closure and antisnagging rule through Nov. 30. Beginning Nov. 1 fishing from a			
Green River – I-405 to S. 277 <sup>th</sup> Bridge in Auburn	OctSept. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	6	Daily limit 6. 3 adults, of which only 3 may be any combination of adult coho and chum. Release Chinook. Bait prohibited, single-point hook measuring ½" or less only through Sept. 30. Night closure and antisnagging rule through Nov. 30. Beginning Nov. 1 fishing from a floating device is prohibited.			
Green River – S. 277 <sup>th</sup> Bridge to Auburn-Black Diamond Road Bridge	OctSept. 16 – Dec. 31	12"	6	Daily limit 6. 3 adults, of which only 3 may be any combination of adult coho and chum. Release Chinook. Bait prohibited, single-point hook measuring ½" or less only through Oct. 15. Night closure and anti-snagging rule through Nov. 30. Beginning Nov. 1 fishing from a floating device is prohibited.			
Green River – Auburn-Black Diamond Road Bridge to mouth of Cristy Creek	Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	6	Daily limit 6. 3 adults, of which only 3 may be any combination of adult coho and chum. Release Chinook. Night closure and anti-snagging rule through Nov. 30. Closed within 150' of the mouth of Keta Creek.			
Green River – Mouth of Cristy Creek to Tacoma Headworks Dam	Nov. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	6	Daily limit 6. 3 adults, of which only 3 may be any combination of adult coho and chum. Release Chinook. Night closure and anti-snagging rule through Nov. 30. Closed within 150' of the Palmer Pounds outlet rack.			

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Puyallup River – 11th St. Bridge to Freeman Road	Aug. 16 – Dec. 31 (Closure dates to be determined Closed Aug 31; Sept. 1, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30; Oet. 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15)	12"	6	Daily limit 6. 2 adults <u>+2 pink</u> . Release wild adult Chinook. Night closure, anti-snagging rule, barbless hooks, and 48" maximum leader length through Nov. 30.		
Puyallup River – Freeman Road to White River East Main Avenue Bridge	Aug. 11-1 – Dec. 31 (Closure dates to be determined Closed Aug 31; Sept. 1, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30)	12"	6	Daily limit 6. 2 adults +2 pink. Release wild adult Chinook. Night closure, anti-snagging rule, barbless hooks, and 48" maximum leader length through Nov. 30.		
Puyallup River – White RiverEast Main Avenue Bridge to Carbon River	Aug. 1 – Dec. 31	12"	6	Daily limit 6. 2 adults +2 pink. Release wild adult Chinook. Night closure, anti-snagging rule, barbless hooks, and 48" maximum leader length through Nov. 30.		
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Chambers Creek – Mouth (Burlington-Northern RR Bridge) to markers 400' below the Boise-Cascade Dam.	July 1 – Nov. 15	12"	6	Daily limit 6. 24 adults. Release wild coho.		
Nisqually River – Mouth to Tank Crossing	July 1 – Oct. 31 (Closure dates to be determined Closed Aug. 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27; Sept. 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30)	12"	6	Daily limit 6. 3 adults <u>+1 pink</u> , only 2 may be any combination of coho and chum. Release wild Chinook. Night closure, anti-snagging rule, <u>barbless</u> hooks, and 48" maximum leader <u>length</u> .		
Nisqually River – Mouth to Tank Crossing	Nov. 1 – Jan. 31	12"	6	Daily limit 6. 2 adults. Release wild Chinook. Night closure, anti-snagging rule and barbless hooks.		

**Puget Sound Freshwater Salmon Seasons 2015-16** *Version:* 3/2/20154/3/2015 WATER SEASON MIN. DAILY ADDITIONAL RULES SIZE **LIMIT EAST KITSAP** Chico Creek – Mouth Mouth definition: Line projected between the outermost uplands at the mouth not covered by water during ordinary high water. Downstream of free-flowing freshwater that creates a line projected between the outermost exposed tidelands, including all channels. Gorst Creek - Mouth Mouth definition: Line projected between the outermost uplands at the mouth not covered by water during ordinary high water. Downstream of free-flowing freshwater that creates a line projected between the outermost exposed tidelands, including all channels. **HOOD CANAL** Skokomish River - Free-Mouth definition: Line projected flowing freshwater downstream between the outermost uplands at the of the Tacoma powerlines are mouth not covered by water during closed year-round. ordinary high water. Downstream of free-flowing freshwater that creates a line projected between the outermost exposed tidelands, including all channels. Skokomish River - Mouth Aug. 1 -Sept. 112" 2 Daily limit 2. Anglers must retain the first 2 salmon, if lawful to do so, and Tacoma Powerlines to Hwy. stop fishing. Release chum and wild 106 bridge Chinook. Night closure, anti-snagging rule, single-point barbless hooks, and 48" maximum leader length. Daily limit 6. 4 adults. Release Skokomish River - Mouth Sept. 15 – Dec. 12" 6 Chinook. Release chum Sept. 15 - Oct. 15 Tacoma Powerlines to Hwy. 15. Night closure, single-point 106 bridge barbless hooks through Nov. 30. Terminal gear (hooks, weights, lures, or baits) and line must not be within 25 feet of tribal gillnets.

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WATER	SEASON	MIN. SIZE	DAILY LIMIT	ADDITIONAL RULES		
HOOD CANAL						
Skokomish River – Hwy. 106 Bridge to the Hwy 101Purdy Creek	July 24 – July 31; Aug. 1 – Aug.21 (Fri., Sat., and Sun. only); Aug. 22 – Sept. 1	12"	2	Daily limit 2. Anglers must retain first 2 salmon, if lawful to do so, and stop fishing. Release chum and wild Chinook. Night closure, anti-snagging rule, single-point barbless hooks, and 48" maximum leader length. Bait or lure must be suspended below a float July 24-31.		
Skokomish River – <u>Purdy</u> Creek to Hwy. 101	Aug. 1July 24 – Aug 21(Fri., Sa., and Sun. only); Aug. 22 – Sept.	12"	2	Daily limit 2. Anglers must retain the first 2 salmon, if lawful to do so, and stop fishing. Release chum and wild Chinook. Night closure, single-point barbless hooks, 48" maximum leader length, and bait or lure must be suspended below a float.		
Skokomish River – Hwy. 106 Bridge to Hwy. 101	Sept. 15 – Dec. 15	12"	6	Daily limit 6. 4 adults. Release Chinook. Release chum Sept. 15 - Oct. 15. Night closure, single-point barbless hooks through Nov. 30. Terminal gear (hooks, weights, lures, or baits) and line must not be within 25 feet of tribal gillnets.		
Tahuya River North Shore Rd. Bridge upstream to steel bridge	Oct. 1 31	12"	2	Daily limit 2 coho only.		
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<b>Dungeness River</b> - Mouth to hatchery intake pipe at mile marker 11.3	To be determined (considering July 16 – Aug 15)	12"	4	Daily limit 4 pink only. Bait prohibited. Single-point barbless hook measuring ½" or less. Open (emergency rule) if and when conditions are met.		
<b>Dungeness River</b> – Mouth to hatchery intake pipe at mile marker 11.3	Oct. <u>8-16</u> – Dec. 31	12"	4	Daily limit 4 coho only.		